

Function 950: Undistributed Offsetting Receipts

This function comprises major offsetting receipt items that would distort the funding levels of other functional categories if they were distributed to them. This function currently includes three major items: rents and royalties from the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS); the receipt of agency payments for the employer share of federal employee retirement benefits; and other offsetting receipts, such as those obtained from broadcast spectrum auctions by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

Offsetting receipts are recorded as “negative outlays” either because they represent voluntary payments to the government in return for goods or services (e.g., OCS royalties and spectrum receipts) or because they represent the receipt by one government agency of a payment made by another.

For 2003, the budget assumes offsetting receipts of \$57.8 billion. This function is essentially current law. It rejects the President’s mandatory proposals to open the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) for oil drilling, to shift the date for spectrum auctions, to create a spectrum relocation fund (See *Function 920 (Allowances)* for further discussion), and to impose new lease fees on the use of analog spectrum by commercial broadcasters.